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MARCH

MARCH 8

National Constitution Center, Noon – 3 p.m.: Women in Baseball See the role the women's movement played in the history of baseball. Members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League will share stories. *Free with admission.* (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

The Betsy Ross House, 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.: Thimbles & Thread – Story time with Betsy Ross. Younger children in the morning and grade school in the afternoon. *Also 3/29.* (215) 686-1252, betsyrosshouse.org

National Constitution Center, 5:30 p.m.: Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution: Women and the Law – A prestigious panel that includes Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, will discuss the challenges and emerging issues faced by women in the legal profession. *Free, reservations required.* (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

MARCH 17-28

National Constitution Center, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Spring Training Games, contests, giveaways, visits from local mascots, classic baseball movies and

more help visitors gear up for baseball season. *Free with admission.* (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

MARCH 17

National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: Choices & Challenges in the New Age of Life Sciences – A public discussion about how new scientific knowledge and privacy matters will conflict in the future. *Free, reservations required.* (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

March 19

National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: One Book, One Philadelphia: War's Youngest Victims – A conversation about the role of governments and their citizens to protect war's youngest victims. *Free, reservations required.* (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

March 20

Independence Seaport Museum, 7 p.m.: On Land and On Sea – Professor and women's studies expert Dr. Margaret Andersen Rosenfeld discusses the roles of women in yachting and as workers, caregivers and sportswomen throughout the 20th century. *Tickets are \$10, free for members.* (215) 413-8655, pbillyseaport.org

National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: The Business of Going Green with Newt Gingrich – Gingrich, who recently authored *A Contract with the Earth*, discusses methods to achieve environmental solutions. *Reservations required. Call for ticket prices.* (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

MARCH 22

Elfreth's Alley Museum Shop, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Windsor Chair Making – Area craftsman demonstrates the art of chair making using traditional materials and techniques. *Also 4/13 & 4/27.* *Free.* (215) 574-0560, elfrethsalley.org

MARCH 29 & 30

American Philosophical Society Museum, 2 p.m.: You Are Here – These hands-on explorations for all ages examine the layers of natural and social history that lay right in our own backyard. *Donation requested.* (215) 440-3427, apsmuseum.org

APRIL

APRIL 5

Independence Living History Center, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: The Politics of the American Revolution – Learn about the risks that were taken and the compromises that were made to create a new nation—the United States. Teachers from grades 5 to 12 in PA and NJ earn 6.5 hours professional development credit hours. *Tickets are \$70, reservations required.* (215) 597-2760

Edgar Allan Poe Site, 3-3:45 p.m.: Remembering Poe – Fellow poet Helen Whitman comes to life and reminisces about

her good friend Poe in honor of Poetry Month. *Free, reservations recommended.* (215) 597-8780, nps.gov/edal

APRIL 5 & 6

Franklin Square, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Opening Weekend – Fun for everyone with games, balloons, face painting and more. *Free.* (215) 629-4026, onceuponanation.org

APRIL 12 & 13

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank, 1-1:45 p.m.: Thomas Jefferson's Birthday – Celebrate by joining a special tour about Jefferson, his friends and fellow revolutionaries. Jefferson has the only red hair in the Gallery. *Free.* (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

APRIL 17

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank, 1-1:45 p.m.: The Legacy of Benjamin Franklin – On the 218th anniversary of his death, learn about Franklin's contributions to his city, his country and the world. *Free.* (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

APRIL 19 & 20

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank, 12-12:45 pm: Charles Willson Peale's Birthday – Celebrate by joining a special tour about Peale's museum—see his stuffed eagle learn about the Mastodon and more. *Free.* (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

Independence Visitor Center, regular site hours, thru 4/27: National Park Week Celebration – Stop by the NPS information desk to pick up a special NPS week Junior Ranger activity sheet.

APRIL 22

National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: The Global Environment with Jeffrey Sachs – The leading international economic advisor and author will provide an assessment of the environmental factors that threaten global prosperity and a practical set of solutions. *Reservations required. Call for ticket prices.* (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

APRIL 26

Franklin Square, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., thru 4/27: Baseball in Franklin Square! A home run weekend featuring baseball activities. *Free.* (215) 629-026, onceuponanation.org

APRIL 30

National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: Reclaiming Conservatism with Mickey Edwards – The former Republican Congressman discusses the essence of conservatism in America. *Reservations required. Call for ticket prices.* (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

ONGOING

American Philosophical Society Museum Jefferson Garden, thru 3/31: Celestial Garden/Invisible Sky This outdoor instillation of more than

140 clear glass demisheres reflects surrounding buildings by day and mimics the constellations by night. *Donation requested.* (215) 440-3427, apsmuseum.org

American Philosophical Society Museum, regular museum hours:

UNDAUNTED: Five American Explorers 1746-2008 – Meet five intrepid Philadelphians with the courage to explore the unknown. Each is profiled using items from the Society's important collections. *Donation requested.* (215) 440-3427, apsmuseum.org

Christ Church Burial Ground, on the hour, last tour at 3 p.m.: Declaring Freedom: Slavery in Philadelphia A 20-minute guided tour dealing with the issue of slavery in Philadelphia and the stories of those who are buried in this historic burial ground including Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Rush. *Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, \$10 groups up to 25.* (215) 922-1695, christchurchphila.org

Christ Church Burial Ground, 3:30 p.m., Thursdays in April: Artists, Writers & Composers – This 20-minute guided tour of the burial ground will include stops at the graves of Francis Hopkinson, William Tucey and Matthew Pratt. *Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 students, \$10 groups up to 25.* (215) 922-1695, christchurchphila.org

Christ Church, regular site hours: Declaring Freedom: Slavery in Philadelphia – Stories about slavery in Philadelphia in the 1700s, when a majority of the African Americans in Philadelphia were enslaved will be woven into guided tours of "the Nation's Church." *Free, donation suggested.* (215) 922-1695, christchurchphila.org

Independence Visitors Center, 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays: Breakfast with Ben – Enjoy Breakfast with Benjamin Franklin, and get a steady diet of wit and wisdom. He'll tell you about everything from his swim fins to his bifocals, and even pose for photos. *Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$13 for children; reservations required.* (800) 537-7676, independencevisitorcenter.com

National Constitution Center, regular museum hours: Baseball as America

The first major exhibition to examine the relationship between baseball and American culture, organized by The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY. Harry Kalas narrates a special optional iPod audio tour. *Call for ticket prices.* (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

National Constitution Center, every half hour Noon – 4 p.m. on weekends: Randy Dixon and the Sports Bugle Travel back in time to meet legendary

sportswriter Randy Dixon, as he covers the Philadelphia Stars of the Negro National League for *The Philadelphia Tribune* in the 1930s. *Free with admission to Baseball as America.*

(215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

National Museum of American Jewish History, regular museum hours:

Shaping Space, Making Meaning This new changing exhibition offers visitors the opportunity to learn how a museum creates a major exhibition and invites them to make their opinions known prior to its opening. *Free.* (215) 923-3811, nmajh.org

PECO Energy Liberty Center, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. in April: Ben Franklin's Ghost at Lights of Liberty

Dr. Franklin appears as a dramatic, life-size holographic image who can answer hundreds of possible questions, both serious and silly, about his family, inventions, writings and his role in history. *Free.* (215) LIBERTY, lightsofliberty.org

PECO Energy Liberty Center, dusk: Lights of Liberty Show – An outdoor, nighttime sound and light spectacular that celebrates the story of our nation's birth with 3-D surround sounds, celebrity narration and five-story projections on some of America's most historic buildings. *Tickets are \$19.50 for adults, \$16.50 seniors/students, \$13 for children; reservations required.* (215) LIBERTY, lightsofliberty.org



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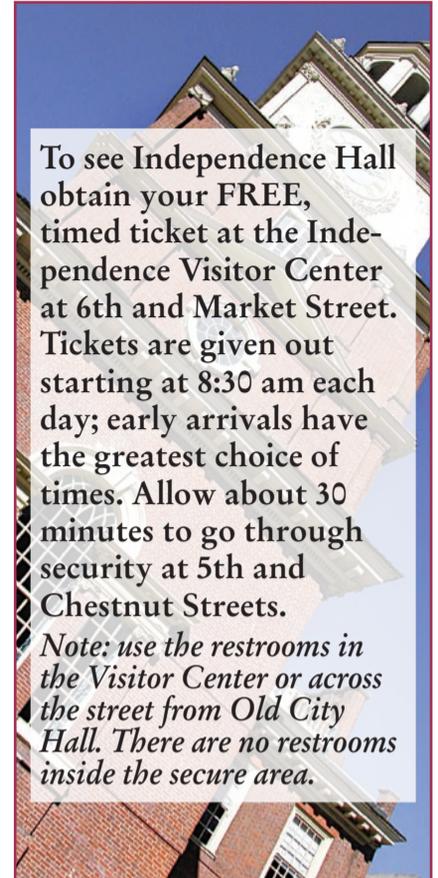
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To see Independence Hall obtain your FREE, timed ticket at the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Street. Tickets are given out starting at 8:30 am each day; early arrivals have the greatest choice of times. Allow about 30 minutes to go through security at 5th and Chestnut Streets. *Note: use the restrooms in the Visitor Center or across the street from Old City Hall. There are no restrooms inside the secure area.*

PROGRAMS & TOURS - MARCH-APRIL 2008

Location	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	Noon	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.
Betsy Ross House 239 Arch Street <i>Betsy Ross House is closed Mondays in March</i>	Meet Betsy Ross <i>Tues.-Sun. in March • 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily in April</i>								
	Colonial Crafter <i>Fri.-Sun. in March • 2:30-4:30 p.m. daily in April</i>								
		Soldier's Story <i>10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily in April</i>				Joke & Dagger <i>Fri.-Sun. in March • Sat. & Sun. in April</i>			
						Girl Wonder <i>Sat. & Sun. in April</i>			
City Tavern 138 South 2nd Street							Colonial Greeter <i>6 pm - 9 pm • Begins April 18 • Fri. & Sat. only</i>		
Free Quaker Meeting House 5th & Arch Streets				Meet a Free Quaker <i>Wed.-Sun. only</i>					
Franklin Court Market Street between 3rd & 4th Streets					 Women of Franklin Court Walking Tour <i>Sat. & Sun. • March only</i>				
					 Franklin's Hands on History Kids Activity <i>Sat. & Sun. • April only</i>				
Independence Living History Center 3rd & Chestnut Streets							Independence After Hours <i>Fri. & Sat. only • Starts April 18 • \$</i>		
							Tippler's Tour <i>Thurs. • Starts April 17 • \$</i>		
Independence Visitor Center 6th & Market Streets		Colonial Crafter - Greeter - Musician <i>Daily • Begins March 15</i>							
Liberty Bell Center 6th & Market Streets						Seeds of Suffrage <i>Sat. in March only</i>			
						Underground Railroad in Philadelphia <i>Sat. in April only</i>			
						The President's House in 18th C. Philadelphia <i>Sun. in April only</i>			
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank Chestnut between 4th & 5th Streets					Abigail Adams in her own Words <i>Sun. in March only</i>				
		Moses Williams Cutter of Profiles- demonstration <i>Wed.- Sun.</i>							

HISTORIC SITE & MAP LOCATION

Extended Hours for April Weekends

Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the Independence Visitor Center will be open from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Fri., Sat. & Sun. in April. No tickets needed for the Hall tour from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

HISTORIC SITES

- ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** **E3**
320 Arch Street (215) 627-2667
Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sug. Don.: \$2 ♿
- THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA** **C7**
219 South 6th Street (215) 925-2688
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE
- BETSY ROSS HOUSE** **F3**
239 Arch Street (215) 686-1252
Tues.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Daily beginning 4/1
Adult - \$3 • Ch./Stud. \$2 - Audio Guide \$5.
- BISHOP WHITE HOUSE** **E6**
309 Walnut Street - Wed.-Sun. by tour only;
sign up at Independence Visitor Center desk. FREE
- CARPENTERS' HALL** **E5**
320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167
Tue.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Mon. FREE
- CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND** **D3**
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695
Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Sun. - Noon-4 p.m.
- CITY TAVERN** **F6**
138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443
Daily - Opens at 11:30 a.m. ♿
- CONGRESS HALL** **C5**
6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Tours every 20 min.
FREE ♿
- DECLARATION HOUSE** **B4**
7th & Market Streets - (800) 537-7676
Wed.-Sun. - 11 a.m. - Noon FREE ♿
- DESHLER MORRIS HOUSE**
5442 Germantown Ave - (215) 597-7130
Closed for renovations.
- EDGAR ALLAN POE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** **C4**
532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780
Wed.-Sun. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- ELFRETH'S ALLEY** **F2**
124-126 Elfreth Alley - (215) 574-0560
Tue.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. - Noon-5 p.m.
Museum: \$5 adults; \$1 ages 6-18; under 6 FREE
- FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA** **C2**
6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574-3727
Mon.-Fri. - 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿
- FRANKLIN COURT** **E4**
314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676
ALL FREE ♿
- Fragments of Franklin Court:**
Wed.-Sun. - 1-2 p.m.
- Franklin Court Museum Store:**
Daily 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- Printing Office:** Wed- Sun- 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- U.S. Post Office:** Mon.-Sat. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Museum:** Wed.-Sun. - 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- FRANKLIN SQUARE** **C1**
6th & Race Streets
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (beginning 4/1)
- FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE** **C3**
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-5801
Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. FREE ♿

- GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT** **C5**
West Wing of Independence Hall
(800) 537-7676 Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- INDEPENDENCE HALL** **C5**
Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Streets
(800) 537-7676
Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Tickets required. Pick up
tickets at Independence Visitor Center ♿
- INDEPENDENCE LIVING HISTORY CENTER** **E5**
3rd & Chestnut Streets (215) 629-4026
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; FREE ♿
- INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER** **C4**
6th & Market Streets - (800) 537-7676
Daily 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- KOSCIUSZKO HOUSE** **E8**
3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 597-9618
Wed.-Sun. - Noon-4 p.m. FREE
- OLD CITY HALL** **D5**
5th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- PHYSICK HOUSE** **E8**
321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866
Thurs.-Sat. - Noon-5 p.m. • Sun. - 1-5 p.m.
Last tour at 4 p.m. Gen. - \$5 • Stud./Sr. - \$4
Groups over 10 - \$3 each • Und. 6 - FREE
- PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK** **D5**
420 Chestnut Street - (800) 537-7676
Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. FREE
- POWEL HOUSE** **E7**
244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364
Thurs.-Sat. - Noon-5 p.m. • Sun. - 1-5 p.m.
Last tour at 4 p.m. Gen. - \$5 • Stud./Sr. - \$4
Fam. - \$12 • Under 6 - FREE ♿
- TODD HOUSE** **E6**
4th & Walnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Todd House by tour only, ask at the
Independence Visitor Center FREE

MUSEUMS

- AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (APS) MUSEUM** **D6**
104 South 5th Street (215) 440-3427
Thurs.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA** **B3**
7th & Arch Streets (215) 574-0380
Tues.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. - Noon-5 p.m.
Adult - \$8 • Ch./Sr. - \$6 • Stud. - \$6 ♿
- ATWATER KENT MUSEUM OF PHILADELPHIA HISTORY** **B5**
5 South 7th Street (215) 685-4830
Wed.-Sun. - 1-5 p.m. Adult - \$5
Ch./Sr. - \$3 • Ch. Under 12 - FREE ♿
- FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM** **F2**
147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438
Tues.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿
- INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM** **H6**
211 Columbus Blvd - (215) 925-5439
Daily - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adm. - \$9 • Sr./Stud. - \$8
Ch. - \$6 Under 3 FREE. Sun. 10 a.m.-Noon FREE ♿
- LIBERTY BELL CENTER** **C4**
6th Street between Market &
Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676
Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER** **D3**
525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6700
Mon.-Fri. - 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Sat. - 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. - Noon-5 p.m.;
Closed for maintenance 1/1-1/7; will reopen
to the public 1/8. • Adult - \$12 \$11 Senior
\$8 Child & Active Mil. Under 4 FREE ♿
- NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM** **E5**
321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800
Tues.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Adult - \$7 • Sr. - \$6 • Stud. - \$5 • Ch. - FREE
Sunday: Free for individuals and families ♿
- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY & CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL** **D4**
55 North 5th Street - (215) 923-3811
Mon.-Thurs. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Sun. - Noon-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM** **E5**
322 Chestnut Street (800) 537-7676
Wed.-Sun. - 3-4 p.m. FREE ♿
- PEMBERTON HOUSE MUSEUM SHOP & BOOKSTORE** **E5**
316 Chestnut Street - (215) 597-8019
Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 15% discount for
teachers with ID or proof of teaching FREE ♿
- POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM** **E6**
308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700
Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE
- U.S. MINT** **D3**
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 408-0114
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE

OTHER SITES

- CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA** **F4**
2nd Street above Market Street
(215) 922-1695 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wed.-Sat.
1-5 p.m. Sun. Sugg. Don. \$3 Ad./\$2 Stu. ♿
- CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL** **D4**
44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-2111
By appointment only. ♿
- GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH**
Columbus Blvd. near Christian Street
(215) 389-1513 Tue.-Sun. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- LIGHTS OF LIBERTY** **C5**
PECO Energy Liberty Center
6th & Chestnut Streets - (215) LIBERTY
Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun. - 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY** **A7**
823 Spruce Streets - (215) 922-5446
By appointment only FREE
- MOTHER BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH** **C9**
419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616
Tues. - Sat. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun. - Open for Services. Donation suggested.
Tours by appointment.
- OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH** **E1**
4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566
Tours by appointment. FREE ♿
- OLD PINE PRESBYTERIAN CH.** **D8**
412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051
Mon.-Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. - Open for
Services; Closed daily 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. FREE ♿

- OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH** **D1**
4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge
(215) 627-1838
Tours by appointment. FREE ♿
- OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE** **E6**
321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733
Daily - 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE
- OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH** **D7**
252 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Open for Services or by appointment. FREE
- ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** **E1**
235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788
Mon.-Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. groups by appointment only. FREE
- ST. PETER EPISCOPAL CHURCH** **E8**
3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 925-5968
Mon.-Fri. - 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sat. - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun. open until 3 p.m. after services. FREE ♿

EDUCATION



Independence National Historical Park

The Independence Park Institute (IPI) offers hands-on, curriculum based education programs for teachers, school groups, and for learners of all ages.

To learn more about IPI education programs at Independence National Historical Park or to reserve a program for your group call (215) 597-2760, visit www.independenceparkinstitute.com or stop by the Independence Visitor Center and pick up a teacher information packet.

SERVICES

Language Services

Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. There is information in several languages about the Liberty Bell and other park sites. See a Ranger or ask at the Visitor Center if you have a specific request.

Accessibility

Park buildings, programs, films and exhibits are accessible via curb cut-outs, ramps, text/photo albums describing second floor displays, verbal presentations, park folders in Braille and large print tour brochures, pamphlets and booklets, park-wide signage featuring text and graphics, open captioning and assistive listening devices.

To arrange for American Sign Language services, please contact us at least two weeks in advance. Use the relay service (800-654-5984-TTY) to call (215-597-7130).



USS Becuna (left)
USS Olympia (right)